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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Sir:

This paper is being filed in response to an Office Action having a mailing date of October 3, 2007 that Applicant has received from the Patent Office and that relates to the above-identified patent application. Applicant respectfully requests that the patent application be reconsidered in view of the amendments and remarks presented hereinafter, which are submitted as a full and complete response to the aforementioned Office Action.

This paper is timely filed upon the mailing of same with an executed certificate of mailing on or before January 3, 2008. No fees are believed to be due by virtue of the filing of this paper. If it is determined that any fees are in fact due, please charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0221.

Claims 1-5 and 7-12 remain in the subject patent application. Claims 1 and 12 are amended and claims 13-20 and 22-27 are canceled herein. Claims 6, 21, and 28-42 were canceled in an earlier paper. No claims are added herein.